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Letter dated 18 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the letter transmitted herewith, addressed to Mr. Assad Kotaite, President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, by Major-General Rogelio Acevedo González, President of the Civil Aeronautics Institute of Cuba, be circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under agenda item 140, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Bruno RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA
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ANNEX

[Original: English and Spanish]

Letter dated 13 June 1996 from the President of the Civil Aeronautics Institute of Cuba addressed to the President of the International Civil Aviation Organization

On 11 June 1996, at a press conference in the city of Miami, Florida, an announcement was made regarding the preparations of a so-called "flotilla" that, departing from United States territory, intends to penetrate the territory of the Republic of Cuba on 13 July 1996.

At that same meeting, the organizers of this new provocation publicly announced that aircraft will also be involved in the action. Once again, as occurred with that same group in July 1995, allegedly "civil" aircraft, registered in the United States and operated by pilots with United States licences, intend to take off from a United States airport to violate the territory and the sovereignty of the Republic of Cuba. This announcement has been spread by international news agencies such as ANSA and REUTERS.

This action is a clear threat to abuse international civil aviation once again, in open violation of the Chicago Convention, an action that has been clearly premeditated, as inferred from this announcement a month ahead of such an attempt.

It would be regrettable if, in the absence of strong and timely action in response to previous violations and the guilty tolerance of the United States authorities, the provocateurs were to feel encouraged, as suggested by their recent announcement, to stage new incidents.

Under these circumstances, the International Civil Aviation Organization has the obligation to take firm and decisive action.

I hereby request that you circulate this letter to all members of the Council as an official document.

(Signed) Major-General Rogelio ACEVEDO
President
Civil Aeronautics Institute of Cuba